

Riverside

1 Aug 1881

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My dear Thomas

I never was more distressed  
and astonished <sup>than</sup> when I heard of the death  
of our dear friend & my kind relative: he  
always seemed to me so unlikely to be  
taken away so suddenly: he was so delibe-  
rate and steady in all his actions. — so  
cool, so quiet and sometimes even inanimate  
and unpassioned

I personally owed him a great  
deal that I could never repay: it leaves  
a wonderful blank in my circle: he was  
here only a few days ago, making gifts to  
my daughter. I can hardly believe it now.

What will become of his books, &  
manuscripts? Kensington perhaps: not a  
few of them once were mine, but I could  
not afford to keep them.

I am glad to see by your  
last writing that you are so well again.  
The Old Man's best regards to you and to all  
your family, my dear ancient friend.

Yours ever

J. Payne Collier



1 May 1881

My dear Mother

I have been very busy lately  
and a little tired & I have not  
of late been feeling very well  
always ready to go to bed  
but I am now feeling better  
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